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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Bradstreet's say nearly all signs point to an unprecedented volume of business; the strength of raw cotton has an encouraging effect upon Southern trade which is generally reported better than usual at this season. —— In the Senate yesterday, the bill extending the Homestead law and providing right of way for railroads in Alaska passed. ——Spain has purchased two cruisers building in England for Brazil and is negotiating for two cruisers building in France; the Government has funds, believed to be furnished by French financiers; the Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use. —— British steamer Gleadome is ashore on Cape Henry; crew saved. ——The Maine court of inquiry left Key West yesterday for Havana. ——A hurricane on the South coast of Cuba caused great damage. ——Divers at work on the Maine recovered two bodies yesterday. ——A fresh Spanish squadron destined for Cuba is being organized at Cadiz. ——Kid McCoy, the pugilist, defeated Nick Burley, of California, in a fight at Hot Springs, Ark., in the second round. ——New York markets: Money on call steady at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton dull—middling uplands 6 5-16c; flour was slow and weaker on spring patents; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1.07⅝; corn—spot weak, No. 2, 37½c.; rosin was steady; strained common to good, $1.40 to 1.45; spirits turpentine firm.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 42 deg.; 8 P.M., 41 deg.; maximum, 49 deg.; minimum, 40 deg.; mean, 44 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .66; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .82.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The storm has moved to central off the New Jersey coast, high winds prevail from Hatteras north, and rain is still falling over the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia, and snow over New York and New England. Fair weather prevails generally over the interior of the country under the high area now central over Illinois, with moderately cool temperatures reported, freezing weather prevailing over the lakes and upper Mississippi valley. Increasing cloudiness with higher temperatures are noted over the Central West under an entering low area.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Saturday: Generally fair Saturday; moderately cool; northerly winds.

RIVER BULLETIN.

The following telegram was received from the Weather Bureau office, Raleigh, N. C., at 12.15 P. M., viz:

Moderate freshets are indicated in the rivers of Eastern North Carolina within forty-eight hours. The Cape Fear river will reach between fifteen and twenty feet on gauge at Fayetteville.

Port Almanac--March 5.

Sun Rises	6.26 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.59 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 33 M.
High Water at Southport	5.30 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	8.00 A. M.

Judging from the statement that there are annually about 4,000,000 false teeth made in this country, the dentist must have a pretty strong pull on the American.

It is said that there are no snakes in Cuba. But there are Spaniards, and that makes up for the absence of snakes. The Cubans would doubtless prefer the snakes.

Some of the Spanish editors are calling our sailors "pirates." Pirates are fellows that the other fellows, generally speaking, give a pretty wide berth when they can.

The remains of the inventor of the Ferris wheel are held by an undertaker at Pittsburg for funeral expenses. He seems to have a dead-sure thing on the remains, however it may be with the expenses.

During his six months incarceration actor Ratcliffe can commit some more plays to memory, but he will not have any opportunity to take target practice by throwing hard-boiled eggs at wife number two.

We are going to have it now. A Syracuse, N. Y., man ate a pound or two of cheese and bologna sausage before retiring and dreamed out the problem of perpetual motion. He is bucking up to it now and declares it must come.

According to the New York *Herald* the public has the permission of statesman Boutelle, chairman of the House Naval Committee, to "go to the devil," and a disposition has been evinced to reciprocate and make it warm for Mr. Boutelle.

Delaware juries do not assess a wife's affections very high. A Wilmington jury has just given a citizen $1,000 damages for the alienation of his wife's affections. He ought to move to some State where that article is higher priced if he proposes to follow up the damage business.

A gold contemporary is opposed to the free coinage of silver, if for no other reason, because the silver "bullionaries" can afford to pay for the coinage. But can't the gold bullionaires also afford to pay for the coinage? If the objection is good in one case isn't it equally good in the other?

The publication of the names and nationalities of the crew of the Maine develops the fact that 117 of them were foreign born.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery—Bananas.
On Sale—Porter's Bock beer.
Vollers & Hashagen—Cuban blossom

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Y. M. C. A.—Greatest event.
Globe Saloon—Hot lunch free.
T. F. Bagley—Cottage for rent.
Freeman B. Ellis—There are others.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Edgar L. Hart, of Norfolk, is here.

— Mr. Max Pincus, of Norfolk, is in the city.

— Mr. T. E. L. Lepsie of Southport, is in the city.

— Mr. W. H. Pope, of Fayetteville, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. H. Brandhurst, of Goldsboro, is registered at the Orton.

— Ex-Sheriff W. J. Sutton, of Elizabethtown, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Postoffice Inspector H. T. Gregory is here on his regular trip of inspection.

— John C. Oakes, of the United States army, arrived in the city last night and is registered at The Orton.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bowden, of Portsmouth, Va., are here on a short visit. Mr. Bowden, as is generally known, is a native of Wilmington, and a popular employe of the Seaboard Air Line.

— Capt. E. L. Hart, who for some weeks has been running on the "shoo fly" between Goldsboro and Norfolk, has resumed his regular run and arrived in the city yesterday. Capt. Haywood Clark, who has been in Capt. Hart's place, will exchange with him again.

A BOLD TRAMP.

Tried to Force His Way Into a Private Residence on South Second Street Last Night.

Considerable excitement was created at the residence of Mr. William LaMotte on Second street, between Ann and Nun, late last night, by a tramp trying to force his way into the house. He came up and knocked and when the servant opened the door asked to be allowed to sleep in an outhouse. Mr. LaMotte is a railroad conductor and was not at home and Mrs. LaMotte refused the tramp's request.

He then asked for something to eat, and while Mrs. LaMotte and the servant were in the rear of the house getting him the food he tried to force the door open. They had, however, taken the precaution to turn the night latch before they left the door. They called to Mr. Cumming and several other neighbors, who ran over and drove the fellow off the premises. A police officer was 'phoned for and they chased the tramp as far as the gas plant, where they lost sight of him. Police Sergeant Hewlett has given orders to all policemen to arrest all tramps found on the streets. Four had been arrested up to one o'clock this morning. All those arrested will be escorted to the city limits and ordered not to re-enter the city.

"DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE."

Dr. Robert Nourse to Lecture Next Tuesday Night.

Many Wilmingtonians have a prejudice against lecturers and give such entertainments the go-by. But such persons should not let this happen when Dr. Robert Nourse, of Washington, speaks in the Star Course next Tuesday night. Dr. Nourse is called "The Dramatic Lecturer," and besides giving a lecture which ranks among the very best ever given before an American audience, emphasizes and illustrates it with a dramatic power equalled by few of the best men on stages. He will speak on "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and at the close of his lectures gives the transformation scene.

The *Empire*, of Toronto, says of him: "He proved himself a dramatist of no mean order. His impersonation, alternately, of the gentle, beloved philanthropist, and of the terror-striking manfiend, were exceedingly realistic. The transformation scene was wonderfully executed and startling in effect, while the death scene, which concluded the lecture, was too awfully real for description."

Material for the Artesian Well.

The material that Mr. C. L. Parker, of Ithaca, N. Y., who has been engaged by the Clarendon Water Works Company to bore an artesian well, has been using at Baton Rouge, La., and Montgomery, Ala., has been shipped to Wilmington. A letter from Mr. Parker yesterday stated that pipe and other material that would have to be made to order had been ordered and would arrive here in due time.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Globe Saloon advertises hot lunch every day from 11 till 1 o'clock.

— Justice McGowan yesterday adjudged Bill Edwards not guilty of forcible trespass.

— The Mayor had two cases yesterday for disorderly conduct. Both were discharged.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held next Monday night.

— The baseball season of the National League will open at New York April 15th, where Boston will play the home club.

— Madam Rumor has it that a clever young member of the paid fire department is very soon to take unto himself a better half.

— Middling cotton was quoted on this market yesterday firm at 6 cents. The same grade in Savannah was steady at 5⅝ and in Charleston, firm at 5⅝.

— Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt, the pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, has arrived in the city and will hold services to-morrow morning and evening.

— By reference to the telegraphic columns it will be seen that Rev. H. H. Hammell, one of the four field workers sent out by the International Sunday School Committee, will be in Wilmington April 1st.

— Rev. John J. Douglass, the talented young Baptist preacher of Clinton, will preach at the First Baptist Church to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. At the morning service his subject will be "The Ideal of Christianity."

— Assistant Chief W. P. Monroe, of the Fire Department, has completed his map of Wilmington showing the location of water hydrants, fire alarm boxes and water cisterns. There are 107 hydrants, 33 alarm boxes and 20 cisterns.

— Mr. Otto Banck, Manager of the Portner Brewing Company, has an advertisement in the STAR this morning calling attention to Portner's old German bock beer which is now on sale and of the same fine quality as last year.

— The STAR acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a photograph of Rev. James Needham, the aged minister whose piety and usefulness have already been noticed in these columns. It was sent by one of his admirers at Mount Airy.

— The negro woman who raised such a disturbance Thursday while being carried to jail and rivaled steamboat whistles in the matter of shreiks and screams, was remanded to jail yesterday by Justice Bunting to await the Criminal Court on the charge of nuisance.

— The STAR is indebted to Capt. Edgar Williams for a handsome calendar for 1898. It gives the hour of high tide at Wilmington and Southport, calculated for each day, and other valuable information. A handsome cut of the *Marion* with advertising announcements appear on the face of the calendar. It is gotten out by Mr. W. L. DeRosset, Jr.

AT FORT CASWELL.

The Fortifications Completed and a Garrison Expected at Any Day.

Mr. John L. Grim, the well known contractor of Philadelphia, who had the contract for the construction of the stone emplacements at Fort Caswell, was here yesterday finally winding up his business with the Government. The contract was virtually completed at the first of the year, but there were certain details which were not finally disposed of until yesterday.

Mr. Grim left last night for Philadelphia. If the bill appropriating several millions more for coast defences passes the House of Representatives, as it most probably will, Mr. Grim may put in some more work on the fortifications at Caswell, as he will be sure to be a bidder.

Capt. W. E. Craighill, Chief of the Engineer Corps of the United States Army, has reported the fortifications completed and a garrison of twenty men to man them is expected at any day. Capt. Craighill has moved up to the city to live and the residence previously occupied by him will probably be used as temporary barracks for the garrison.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 2 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—250 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 22 bbls rosin, 118 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—5 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—37 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 53 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—21 bales cotton, 22 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar, 4 bbls crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—4 bales cotton, 200 bbls rosin, 171 bbls tar.

Steamer W. T. Daggett—2 bales cotton.

Schooner Joseph—23 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 166 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 355 bales; spirits turpentine, 41 casks; rosin, 388 bbls; tar, 357 bbls; crude turpentine, 4 bbls.

Sedgeley Hall Club.

Mr. Thad F. Tyler, who is building Sedgeley Hall club house at Carolina Beach, came up to the city yesterday. He has been at the Beach for several days with twelve men at work, and reports the foundation prepared. He will return Monday.

PENITENTIARY FARMS

Work Progressing on Rice Plantations in the Neighborhood of Wilmington.

THE CASTLE HAYNES FARM.

Large Acreage to be Planted in Peanuts Arrangements Made in Raleigh for Reception of Federal Prisoners —The Shirt Manufactory.

Superintendent J. M Mewbourne, of the State Penitentiary, spent yesterday and last night in the city. He has just returned from a business trip to the Roanoke State farms where he spent the past week. He goes to-day out to the rice plantations a few miles from this city. About thirty-six convicts are at work on the rice farms. They are now busy breaking the lands preparatory for the Spring planting.

Mr. Mewbourne will go from the rice plantation, to the Anson county farm, and return to Raleigh early next week He says forty convicts will complete their periods of imprisonment and be discharged during the present month.

If the State continues the management of the Castle Hayne, farm, Mr. Mewbourne expects to plant 300 acres there the coming season in peanuts. That acreage he estimates will yield not less than 15,000 bushels.

The penitentiary management now has 6,000 bushels of corn for sale and a remnant of 615 bales of cotton left from a crop of 3,100 bales.

Mr. Mewbourne says he has every thing ready now for the reception of Federal convicts under the contract recently made. All such will have to be kept inside the prison walls and as they come in Mr. Mewbourne will gradually send out the State convicts to the various farms and public works. The Federal Government is to pay twenty-five cents for each convict and the State gets their labor extra.

The shirt manufacturing department in the penitentiary is, Mr. Mewbourne says, proving quite satisfactory. Fifty sewing machines are kept running, and the convicts assigned to this task are proving apt pupils. Each performs a specified part in the making of shirts, each shirt passing through fourteen different hands before it is completed.

Mr. Mewbourne seems confident that he will be able to pull through until the next session of the Legislature on the proceeds of the penitentiary industries, and has strong hopes of making the institution permanently self-sustaining.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

A Further Advance in Price of Spirits Turpentine.

The naval stores market is showing a marked degree of activity just at present. Spirits turpentine, in fact, has been commanding high prices all along, but for the last four or five days the way it has advanced is really remarkable. For some time before the rise the price had been lingering around 32 and 32½ cents per gallon. About a week ago it began to look up and kept advancing at the rate of about a half cent per day until yesterday, when it was quoted at 37 cents per gallon for machine-made casks. The causes of the phenomenal rise are altogether external. Holders of stock elsewhere have gotten into their hands about all that is available, and are refusing to let it go except at fancy price.

Tar advanced yesterday 15 cents per barrel, owing to strong local demand.

Rice Crop in Brunswick.

The Southport *Standard* contains an interesting article on the rice crop, and quotes Mr. F. M. Moore, of Phœnix, as saying that the Brunswick variety is widely known and always finds a market at first prices. Last year's crop was on the whole one of the best in years, and as prices have been good, rice farming has been fairly lucrative.

Mr. F. M. Moore, of Phœnix, harvested last year about 3,000 bushels; Mr. J. W. Gay, on the Atkinson plantation grew 10,300 bushels; on Governor Russell's plantation at Bellville there were produced 2,800 bushels; Mr. Fred. Kidder, who own the Kendall and Lilliput plantations, grew a crop of 10,500 bushels; while Mr. J. W. Murchison raised on the Orton plantation the largest crop grown in the county. 13,000 bushels. There are other smaller planters whose crops swell the aggregate considerably. From all indications the acreage this year, both in the low lands and the uplands will be larger than it was last.

New Uniforms for the W. L. I.

Mr. J. A. Roman, representing Jacob Reed & Sons, of Philadelphia, was in the city yesterday. His especial mission was in regard to uniforms for A. C. L. conductors etc., for the making of which they have the contract; but incidentally he talked and figured with the Wilmington Light Infantry boys in regard to their proposed new dress uniforms. Jacob Reed & Sons have the contract for uniforming the First Regiment of Virginia and the Fayetteville Light Infantry.

The new uniforms for the W. L. I. will cost about $2,000, and the STAR learns with pleasure that they are meeting with good encouragement in their movement for procuring them. And justly, too, for no organization among the young men of the city is more deserving of the hearty support of the community.

BICYCLE RACE TRACK.

A Liberal Proposition by the Street Railway Company to the Carolina Cycle Club.

A STAR representative yesterday had an interesting conversation with Superintendent A. B. Skelding, of the Wilmington Street Car Company, in regard to the proposed bicycle race track at Hilton Park. Mr. Skelding says that his proposition holds good not only to the Carolina Cycle Club but to any parties or corporation which may see fit to avail themselves of it. The readers of the STAR will remember that reference to the proposition pending was made in Thursday's paper. The conditions as stated by Mr. Skelding yesterday are that the Car Company will give gratis a five year lease of Hilton Park to any company who will obligate themselves to construct a good quarter-mile race track and base ball diamond and push the matter of attractions during the racing and baseball seasons. To comply with the Street Car Company's proposition Mr. Skelding thinks would require not more than $1,500 expenditure the first year and he is sure it would be a lucrative investment, either for the Cycle Club or a stock company which could be organized for the purpose.

The Street Car Company also agrees to renew the lease on the Park at the expiration of the five-year term at $300 per annum, the amount which the company now pays for the park, and in fact will continue to pay during the life of the proposed five-year gratuitous lease.

If the cycle club accepts the proposition it will be possible for them to arrange for a big professional bicycle meet on May 23rd, as a meet is already booked for Charlotte on the 20th, and the racers can be induced to come here for the 23rd.

Advocates of the race track claim to know whereof they speak when they say that it will be a paying investment and will be liberally patronized. As stated in a recent reference to this matter in the STAR the Carolina Cycle Club will probably take definite action next Wednesday.

FOUR WITHIN A WEEK.

That is the Number of Persons Adjudged Insane by Commissions De Lunatico Enquirendo.

Four judgments of insanity by commissions de lunatico enquirendo is an unusual record for a week; but that is the number thus far so declared during this week.

Three examinations were held yesterday and the subjects are now in the county jail awaiting the result of application to the authorities at the Goldsboro asylum for their admission there. They are Anna Ashby, Martha Washington Jones and Millie Jenkens, all colored. The two first named were examined by a commission composed of Justices McGowan and Bunting and Dr. McMillan. The other one was Drs. Wright and McMillan and Justice Bunting.

Jailor King says that the three insane prisoners are a world of trouble and that it is almost impossible to keep them quiet. The fourth lunatic is Minnie Rogers the white girl to whom reference was made in yesterday's STAR. She is in charge of friends until arrangements are made for her inthe Raleigh asylum.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice March 4, 1898.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Miss Hannah Arnold, Miss F P Bizzell, Miss Eliza Bellamy, Miss Virginia Bishop, Realy Cane, Mrs Hettie Darden, Mrs Letter Howard, Mrs Sarah Hinton, Mrs M F Griffin, Mrs Daisy Jordan, Mrs Mary Lawrence, Miss Hattie Larkins, Miss Tellie Nichols, Miss A V Sharp, Miss Jennie Stokes, Miss Lizzie Singletary, Mrs Mandy Spraal, Miss Kizzy Taylor, Mrs E J Webb.

MEN'S LIST.

B E Andren, T B Brown, Nathan Crafford, Geo Clade, J D Capstand, Mr Frank David, Ira P Delatch, Jas Davis, James Low, Mr Henry Lee, W H Lane, A L Martin, A J McNeil, A B Morse 2, Archie McLean, H L Mellim, Thaddeus Payne, C G Saunders, H C Savage, Jno Sanford, W W Smith, J W Williams, J N Williams, P R Wescott, Olive Williams, Wilmington Stove Co.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Fannie Atkinson, W Stanlen, Jno J Wood.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

WM. H. CHADBOURN, Postmaster.

Mr. W. R. Kenan, Jr., Receives a Flattering Offer.

The STAR learns with pleasure that Mr. Wm. R. Kenan, Jr., son of Capt. W. R. Kenan, of this city, has received a very flattering offer to spend a year in Germany installing carbide plants. This is the outcome of work done by Mr. Kenan last year in Berlin. He has also done work of this nature in England and Australia. He will not however, accept the foreign position, but will retain his present appointment with the Chicago Gas Trust Company as superintendent of their works at Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

Wilmington's Banner Cotton Year.

The receipts of cotton here yesterday ran up the season's receipts above the 300,000 bale mark, the total receipts to date being 300,138 bales. During the whole of the season of 1896-97 the receipts were only 234,621 bales.

THE COTTON FACTORY

Wilmington Mills to Be Enlarged to Double Their Present Capacity.

RUNNING NOW DAY AND NIGHT

New and Improved Looms to Be Added, and Additional Finishing Machinery Expected to Arrive Shortly.

The STAR notes with especial gratification the abundant indications of the prosperity of the Wilmington Cotton Mills, which is attested by extensive additions to equipment and the running of several departments night and day. Indeed, it is the purpose of the company to double the capacity of their plant in the near future.

They have just closed a contract with well known engine builders in Providence, R. I., for an additional low pressure boiler, which will add greatly to the efficiency of the engine plant.

Eighty of the most modern looms are also to be added in the near future. The contract for them has been placed with the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, of Worcester, Mass. This will enable the company to add largely to the production of high-grade napped fabrics.

Early next week additional finishing machinery is expected to arrive and this department will continue to run night and day, as it has for the past twelve months. It is probable that the Board of Directors will conclude to have the carding and spinning departments run day and night and also the automatic looms. In this event the output of the plant will be practically doubled.

As was announced in a recent issue of the STAR, the automatic sprinkler equipment of the plant has just been remodeled and greatly enlarged, resulting in better protection from fire and a decided reduction in insurance rates.

Mr. Gilbert Walden's Entertainment.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather only a small audience was out last night to hear Mr. Gilbert Walden, the elocutionist, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Mr. Walden rendered some very interesting and amusing as well as pathetic anecdotes of the old-time Southern negro, and also played some very sweet and appropriate selections on the guitar and flute. His delineations were all very clever, and he certainly deserves the many highly complimentary notices written about him.

The performance was given for the benefit of the Epworth League of Grace M. E. Church and the STAR is glad to learn that quite a large number of tickets was sold in advance, but no doubt the weather deterred many from being present.

Prof. Smith Coming April 15th.

The date for the X-ray lecture by Prof. Henry Lewis Smith, of Davidson College, is now fixed for April 15th. A letter was received by Secretary Diggs yesterday from Prof. Smith, stating that April 15th would suit him best, and unless notified to the contrary he would come to Wilmington on that date. It will be remembered by STAR readers that the first date announced was April 8th, which proved to be Good Friday, and the change was to avoid having it on that day. A splendid and wonderful entertainment is in store for all who attend. He comes under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

JUGGLING WITH SPIRITS.

Turpentine Went Up to 36 Cents a Gallon Yesterday.

[*Savannah News 3rd.*]

The holders of the big stocks of spirits turpentine advanced the price again yesterday, and those who were obliged to make purchases to fill urgent orders had to pay 36 cents a gallon.

The last time that the price of spirits turpentine reached 36 cents was in May, 1891. During that month the highest price paid was 36½ cents, while the lowest price of the month was 35½ cents. In March of the same year the price reached 37½ cents.

In November, 1890, the highest price for some time previous was reached, sales being made for a few days at 36½ cents. The lowest price during that month was 36 cents.

Unless the receipts should materilly increase, it is expected that the advance in the price will continue until those in need of supplies have filled their orders. In the meantime the exporters, who hold the stock of the country, will reap a handsome profit. The producers receive but little benefit from the present high prices.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Visitations Arranged for One of the Field Workers in North Carolina.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WINSTON, N. C., March 4.—The Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Association makes the following route for Rev. H. M. Hammill, one of the four field workers sent out by the International Committee, during his visit to this State: Asheville, March 25th; Salisbury, 26th; Greensboro, 27th; Durham, 28th; Henderson, 29th; Raleigh, 30th, Goldsboro, 31st; Wilmington, April 1st; Charleston, 2d. The State Committee also appointed Rev. James R. Jones, of Guilford College, and N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, delegates to the International Convention, which will meet in London in July. Broughton's Sunday school will pay his expenses.

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Governor Russell Hand-in-Hand With Senator Butler in the Matter of Fusion—The Forger Langdon.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 4.

The trial of Lamar Bailey, on the charge of defacing the Confederate monument, was continued in the Mayor's Court this morning. The trial may be brought up again to-day.

Dr. Jas. R. Rogers has been appointed surgeon to the Bureau of Pensions at Raleigh, by H. Clay Evans, the Commissioner of Pensions.

Collector Duncan is confidently expecting the President to take some action towards a modification of the existing civil service regulations. The division deputies, he thinks, will be removed from civil service control. There is a great clamor against civil service by the politicians here.

A friend of the Governor says that the Executive is ready to join in the alliance of Democrats, Populists and silver Republicans (?) as planned by the three national chairmen. Russell, it is said, is hand-in-hand with Butler in this matter. The Governor has predicted a fusion between Democrats and Populists in this State.

The Navy Department has apportioned the annual appropriation among the naval reserves in the States. North Carolina gets $2,483.69, as the Adjutant General was informed yesterday.

The trial of Jas. C. Langdon will come up March 7th. The prisoner, who is the most stylish and handsomely dressed confined in Wake jail for years, is unable to give the $500 bond required of him. He expects to secure aid from S. P. Langdon, the Philadelphia coal merchant, who, he claims, is his father.

JUDGE W. S. O'B. ROBINSON.

He Refers to a Misunderstanding Between Major Stedman and Himself.

[*Greensboro Record.*]

"When court opened this morning Judge Robinson said that he wished to make a statement in reference to the misunderstanding on yesterday between Major Stedman and himself; that he could not and would not allow any misunderstanding between Major Stedman and himself; that he never intended to be discourteous to any member of the bar, and certainly he would not be to Major Stedman, who had been a friend to him from his boyhood; that his view of the matter was that after he had made a ruling it was the province of the other side to except and decide the matter in the Supreme Court, but that no misunderstanding could or should exist between Major Stedman and himself.

"Major Stedman said he had always endeavored to uphold Judge Robinson, as he would learn from those with whom he associated intimately—Mr. King, Mr. Scott, Judge Schenck, Mr. Barringer and others; that he considered that the attorneys of the Southern Railway Company had made an unjust and unfair attack upon his client and that he had a legal right, in reply, to criticise the methods of that company; that he considered the manner and words of His Honor discourteous at the time to him personally and that he could not quietly acquiesce in it, and that besides he thought it had a tendency to injure his client; that he accepted the statement of the court in the same spirit in which it was tendered.

"And this ended the episode."

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Joseph R Wilson. D. D. No 8 o'clock service. Young people's prayer meeting at 8.00 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 P. M. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

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NEEDED REFORM.

Ex-President Harrison delivered a speech in Chicago on Washington's birthday which has attracted wide attention both on account of the theme and the speaker, who spoke on "the obligations of wealth." The gist of the speech was to show that taxation was very unequal in this country, and that the poor bear a very disproportionate part of it. While there was nothing extreme in it, and while it was thoughtful and dignified, still it was a speech which if delivered by a Democrat, especially in a political campaign, would have been called an effort to array the classes. There was nothing in it which hasn't been frequently said by others who have discussed the subject, but being uttered by such a distinguished representative Republican as ex-President Harrison, makes it somewhat remarkable.

His attention was mainly given to municipal taxation, and the difficulty of effecting some method to more evenly adjust and distribute the burdens the people bear by making property pay its honest portion of the taxes, which it rarely does. He contends that a moral obligation rests upon the citizen to help support the Government, and that it is really as immoral and dishonest to evade that duty as it is to evade the payment of a private debt. The only difference between taxes and a private debt is that one is a debt due the Government, the other a debt due to an individual, but yet there are thousands of people who will, if they can, beat the Government out of taxes and consider it no infraction of the moral code, who would never think of beating a person out of a debt. This has become so common by custom that it is not generally looked upon in the light of a moral delinquency. In the following General Harrison gives his view of the tax dodger:

"Taxes are a debt of the highest obligation, and no casuist can draw a sound moral distinction between the man who hides his property or makes a false return in order to escape the payment of his debt to the State and the man who conceals his property from his private creditors. Nor should it be more difficult to follow the defaulter in the one case than in the other. If our taxes were farmed out to an individual or to a corporation, they would be collected as fully as private debts are now collected. There would be a vigilant and unrelenting pursuit. The civil and criminal processes of the law would be invoked with effect, just as they were against fraudulent debtors under the bankrupt law. When to this enormous and crying evil is added the corruption which it is alleged has characterized the appraisement of real estate, we have a condition of things with which we dare not palter. We must inaugurate, and at once, a system that shall equalize tax burdens. The men of wealth in our great communities should lead the movement."

This is his view from the standpoint of morality and is a correct one, for if there be any moral obligation resting upon any one to pay taxes the obligation is greater upon him who can easily pay than upon the one who finds it hard to pay, and there is less excuse for the evasion. If there be any difference in obligation to pay taxes and private debts, the obligation to pay taxes is greater, for the failure to do that increases the burden of others and does injustice to them. The man of wealth who secretes what he can of his taxable property adds that much to the burden of his fellow-citizens and virtually robs them of that much money. This is not the view he takes of it, of course, but this is the view he should take of it. If he did take that view of it there would be much less tax-dodging than there is, and tax-payers, or tax-dodgers would be as honest with the State or municipal government as they are with each other.

Speaking of the difficulty of collecting taxes on personal property General Harrison said (and in saying it he uttered a warning):

"The failures which have accompanied, in an increased ratio, the attempt to collect personal property tax, have led many tax reformers to favor its total abolition and the substitution of other forms of taxation. The failure of the wealthy holders of the intangible securities to pay their just proportion of the cost of government has stimulated a demand for special forms of taxation and for progressive taxation, with a view in some measure to recoup to the community the loses which are inflicted by evasive and fraudulent tax returns. These effects should serve as a warning. The people will not consent that this state of things shall be accepted as a permanent condition. If we are to have no taxes save such as in their nature necessarily exclude concealment and bribery, what tax will remain? If we admit the disgraceful conclusion that the state of public and private morals has become such in our country that the wealthy may not be brought under the law and be compelled to yield in reverence and obdience, have we not confessed the failure of Republican institutions?"

Special reference is here made to personal property, and possibly the speaker may have had in his mind's eye the Goulds and other millionaires, who with all their vast wealth, pay taxes only on a comparatively small amount of property, managing to sequestrate the bulk of it so that it escapes taxation. But the defect in the tax system is not confined to personal property, for it extends to real estate and other kinds of property, but notably to real estate, the assessments of which are very unequal, and in many cities notoriously corrupt. The city in which this speech was delivered presented striking illustrations of this when in some districts properties valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars are assessed less for taxes than properties worth not a third as much, within a stone's throw of them. Nothing but corruption, and of the grossest kind, could satisfactorily account for that. Other cities may not be as bad as Chicago; it would be hard to find any worse, but there is no large city in the United States where property is as honestly and impartially assessed as it should be.

But this inequality of taxation is not confined to cities or States, but is found also in the Federal system. There is no more unjust, unequal or oppressive tax system in the world than the so-called protective tariff, of which ex-President Harrison is a strong supporter. That puts money in the pockets of some, but few compared with the many upon whom it imposes burdens, and as a rule the less the ability to bear the greater the burden. Some one has said that taxes have a way of trickling through until they find the poor man who at last pays them, and it is true. But General Harrison has done well in calling attention to this matter and he would do better if he would endeavor to inaugurate reform in his party's tariff system with a view of removing some of the inequalities of taxation in that.

MINOR MENTION.

Representative Lovering, of Massachusetts, is trying to devise some scheme of Governmental paternalism to protect his cotton manufacturing constituents from the competition of Southern mills, which seem to be getting in a solar plexus punch on them. He has struck on the plan of a constitutional amendment, vesting in Congress the power to regulate the hours of labor so that the Southern mill man may not have any advantage in this respect over the New England mill man. Of course he can't play this game but if he could, how long would it be before we would have a call for some more paternalism? Cotton seed oil is rapidly knocking the bottom out of the Western hog lard business. Mr. Davis, of Kansas, who is a pretty exhaustive writer on agricultural topics, says if it wasn't for the inroads that cotton seed oil has made on hog lard the country would require about 450,000,000 pounds of lard more than it does. He asserts that in consequence of this Southern competition the hog product of the country, considering the increase of population, has fallen off about 33 per cent. within the past ten years. It is a fact, too, that whereas some years ago the heaviest hog brought the highest price and was in the greatest demand, now it is the light hog, not weighing over a couple hundred pounds, that is wanted, and that commands the higher price. How, then, is the Western hog-raiser to be protected from the Southern cotton seed competitor? Here is a problem for some Western Solonic paternalist to solve.

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The Forestry Society of North Carolina is doing a commendable work in endeavoring to stimulate an interest in forest preservation, to offset the work of forest destruction which is going on at a rapid rate. Between the woodman's axe, carelessness and accident the forests which now constitute one of the grand attractions of North Carolina and other Southern States will have but a short lease of existence. Leaving carelessness and accident both out of consideration they cannot long survive under the woodman's axe at the present and prospective rate of slaughter. It is easier to guard against indiscriminate tree cutting than against the work of the careless man or accident although destruction from both of these has been materially lessened in some States where the effort has been made, and stringent laws enacted. These forest fires do immense damage not only in the standing timber destroyed, but they destroy the seed with which the forests propagate themselves; they destroy the young growth, and injure the land by consuming the fallen leaves and bark and wood with which nature fertilizes the soil and makes it productive of crops, so that in guarding against these fires, which sometimes sweep over such large areas, we are not only protecting the trees, but also the land which is to make homes for coming generations. People do not turn streams into gold mines to destroy them, but they regard with amazing indifference the destruction of the forests which are unmeasurably more valuable than our gold mines.

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Senator Proctor, of Vermont, is one of the Congressional party now on a tour of observation in Cuba, and he seems to be running his own schedule and doing a good deal of observing on his own account and in his own way. It is reported that he has been amazed at the amount of destitution and suffering that he has witnessed and as a result will, when he returns to Washington, make "a strong speech." This is somewhat significant in as much as Senator Proctor has not heretofore had much to say on the Cuban question; and therefore what he does say may command more attention and have more influence than if he was in the habit of talking much. In addition to the evidences of destitution and suffering which he witnessed, he also learned that General Gomez is practically master of all Eastern Cuba, and can be so easily reached that a resident of Matanzas offered to send to him any letters that Mr. Proctor might write and bring prompt answers. This illustrates the methods of communication that the insurgents have established for keeping themselves informed as to what is going on. It also disposes of the oft-repeated assertion of the Spaniards that the backbone of the insurrection had been broken. Gen. Weyler had it broken and the island "pacified" several times during his stay, but Weyler was a great pacifier—with the typewriter. We shall await with interest the speech of Senator Proctor, as it may possibly foreshadow the course which the Administration may pursue to bring the war to an end.

BOOK NOTICES.

There are some good, solid articles in the March number of *The Atlantic Monthly*, including a very interesting one on the social and domestic life of Japan, by K. Mitsukuri. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., No. 11 Eeast Seventeenth street, New York.

The March number of *St. Nicholas* will prove a delightful one for the young folks, who always find this publication entertaining and instructive. The list of articles is varied, and the illustrations numerous and beautiful. Published by the Century Company, Union Square, New York.

The New Time for March contains a full list of articles on political and economical questions which are now engaging the attention of the American people. It is an educator in opposition to plutocracy, bondocracy and all that kind of thing. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Publishers, 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

"Margaret's Misadventures" is the title of an entertaining story in the March number of *Tales from Town Topics*, which is followed by other interesting matter, consisting of tales, and a miscellaneous assortment in poetry and prose. Published by the Town Topics Publishing Company, 208 Fifth Avenue and 1128 Broadway, New York.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood. †

— Watts—"Have you noticed that the comic valentine seems to be dying out? I wonder what has become of them?" Potts—"Dunno. I have a suspicion, though, that the artists and poets have all got steady jobs on the colored supplements."—*Indianapolis Journal*

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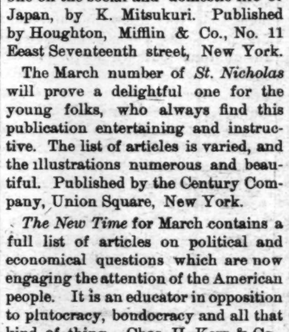

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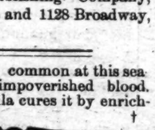

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Columbus *Times:* Mrs. Sarah Hinson died in Williams township, about four miles from Chadbourn, last Monday. Her age is believed to have been between 102 and 110 years. She has a living daughter whose age, we are assured, is 85 years.

— Charlotte *News:* A factory for the manufacture of overalls, working man's jackets and such goods is the latest enterprise proposed for Charlotte. It is understood that this is seriously considered and may materialize in the near future.

— Shelby *Star:* W. J. Morrison, of Holly Bush, has a fine paint mine. He painted his house with pieces of the rock gathered from the mine, and it is a thing of beauty. This mine would doubtless pay handsomely if it was properly worked. There are eleven different kinds of rocks.

Scotland Neck *Commonwealth:* Last Monday night, near Halifax, a colored man named Billie Ousby, who was drunk was abusing his wife with gun in hand. His wife kicked the gun from him as it was setting on the floor. As the gun fell it went off and shot his leg off just above the ankle. The gun was loaded with buckshot.

— Salisbury *Truth:* Dan Page, convicted of forgery by the present court, attempted to make his escape from the jail by burning the building, Thursday night. Fortunately the fire was discovered before any serious damage was done. — A young son of Lot Walton, colored, while playing near the cattle pen at Spencer, Friday evening, decided he would ride on a passing train. The boy with several companions, mounted the cars while moving, Waldon losing his hold fell under the cars and was ground to death. He was horribly mangled.

— Carthage *Blade:* The offices of the Moore County railroad at Aberdeen were broken into by professional cracksmen Monday night. The door was blown from one of the safes and about $25 was stolen. — The distillery premises, still, fermenters, mash tubs, etc., also four barrels of whiskey, belonging to Samuel Trogden, three miles east of town, were seized be Deputy Collector W. C. Troy last Friday. Officers Mebane and Vanderford, of the Greensboro office, were here a few days since, and claim to have found irregularities in the operation of the distillery, hence the seizure.

TWINKLINGS.

— He—"Why are you in half mourning?" She—"My half-brother was buried last Sunday."

— "Is it true that a perfect gentleman never thinks anything he wouldn't say?" "Of course: there are, lots of perfect gentlemen who never think at all."

"Parker always exaggerates everything so." "Yes; he can't even start an account at the bank without overdrawing it." —*Columbus (O.) State Journal.*

— "After all, a married man has the advantage of a battleship." "In what respect, pray?" "When he gets blown up he knows what did it." *Chicago Record.*

— "Darling," he exclaimed, "if you should say no it would kill me!" "Come, then," she replied, "let's get as far away from the house as possible before I give you your answer."

— Employer—"Mr. Buller writes me that you insulted him yesterday." Collector—Well, I'll tell you just what happened—"Employer—"Tell me first if he paid his bill."—*Up-To-Date.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

— It took a bond-issue suggestion to arouse the war feeling in Wall street, but that device fetched the denizens of Lucre Alley beautifully.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

— It is said that Mr. Hanna has everything ready for issuing $500,000,000 bonds in case of war. The people could get along with a $500,000,000 issue of greenbacks; but we are betting on Hanna and the bonds. *Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

— We judge that the question of the Maine has already passed its point of greatest gravity. Whether or not the Administration has become aware of the manner in which the battleship was destroyed, it is manifest that it does not expect to go to war over it.—*New York Times, Ind.*

The War Department's projected relief expedition to the Yukon gold region has been abandoned because the need of relief no longer exists. The mere thought that thousands of men in that dark winter prison might be condemned to slow death from hunger was horrible, and the information received by the War Department that the miners are in no danger of suffering from lack of food has lifted a weight from the minds of sympathetic and generous-thinking people.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

A Smart Omaha Woman.

Among the great mercantile establishments in Omaha only one is under the supervision of a woman, Mrs. Jennie Benson. For nine years Mrs. Benson has conducted this commercial enterprise, each year enlarging her business until today it is next to the largest store in the city. She is an Omaha woman and employs only women. She does her own purchasing, making trips to Chicago and New York. Mrs. Benson is on the sunny side of 40 and, in addition to being one of the leading merchants of the city, is a society favorite and one of the handsomest women in Omaha. She finds time from her business duties to give considerable attention to literature and to society. Altogether she is regarded as a most extraordinary woman. All of the immense capital she is now handling is the result of her own labors.—Omaha Letter in Chicago Record.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded. †

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

THE COWBOY'S LOVE.

Over the vast sun covered plains of Montana moved the Great Northern train. Cattle stood in stupid wonder or shook their horns and bounded away as it flew past. Woolly sheep, bunched together in countless thousands, scattered in gray clouds. Bands of wild horses, the Indian coyuses, were taking their morning meal. The knight of the plains, the cowboy, rode a pony on a long, swinging lope without one backward look.

All this saw Louise Allen as she leaned from the car window and quaffed the new wine of the air. Her brown eyes sparkled and her red lips parted in a happy smile. For the first time she realized how narrow and pent up was the city life she had led in Boston.

To live to love, she whispered, will it come to me here in the great outdoors of God?

The train slowed up and she had hardly time to collect her wandering thoughts before her brother—big, brown, hearty Ben Allen—was beside her.

"Here we are, Lou," he said. "Min and the horses are just beyond this round up," indicating the station with a motion of his hand. "In a couple of hours we'll have you at the ranch."

Together they stepped from the car to the platform and mingled among a crowd typical of the plains. Indians in bright colored or soiled white blankets, with many strings of beads about their necks and rings in their ears, stood in a row with their backs against the station house. There were cowboys, with sun browned faces, swaggering back and forth, and groups of blue coated soldiers, both black and white, for a military post was not far away.

"This is the way we go," said Ben as the cayuses set off at a lively gait following one of the many buffalo paths that intersect the plains in every direction leading to a water course. Though it is many years since the bison roved the plains, these paths still remain deep trodden through the thick grass and packed so firmly as to resist all attempts of verdure to efface them.

Riding at full speed directly down upon them were two cowboys on their way to the town of Great Falls.

"Look at the one in the white shirt," said her sister. "That is Dick Bennett, the cowboy artist."

"This is a queer place for an artist. What does he paint?" asked the Boston girl.

"Dick Bennett is no esthetic artist," said her brother, "but wild and dissipated. He paints things as they are—the finest pictures of Indians and cowboys ever made."

Louise Allen leaned forward in her seat to see what this man of the plains, this cowboy artist, was like.

She saw a sun browned face, whose smooth contour was marked by lines and traces of the storms and passions that had swept over it. Nor joy, nor pleasure, nor peace, looked from the gray eyes, but a something so akin to pain that it stirred her heart in spite of herself. Handsome, yes, with all the traces of sin upon the face that looked out from his broad brimmed hat, it was one to live for—yes, to die for—thought the girl, and his dress lent to it a picturesque charm.

The white flannel shirt, whose collar was rolled back from a strongly rounded throat, the knotted sash about his waist, the high top boots, with the spurs that made a little clinking sound, the strangeness, the newness of the surroundings, all appealed to the romantic nature of the girl.

Ben held up his hand, and the cowboy artist drew rein beside them. When he spoke to her, it seemed to the girl that she expanded with new life, and when she turned her brown eyes full upon him in all their luring witchery Dick Bennett turned his face carelessly away that she might not see the white excitement upon it.

Their meetings were frequent after this. He told her how he began to paint; how, in company with another cowboy, he had charge of a herd of cattle on a ranch on the plains owned by a man in Helena.

During the severe winter of 1886 the owner asked for a statement of the herd's condition. His companion was afraid to tell of the disasters that had befallen them.

"I answered it, Louise," said Dick, "by taking a pencil. I drew on a piece of paper the picture of a steer in a storm, starved, lean and hardly able to stand, and wrote under it, 'The last of 5,000.' That was our answer, and that picture made me an artist. It was photographed and sold by thousands."

She saw him painting on the top of barrels, anywhere, when the inspiration was on him, and every day she loved him more. Each day she went to their meeting place, and the sun traced the pattern of the cottonwood tree's leaves on the grass at her feet, but Dick Bennett came not. Every night she sank to rest she murmured, "Sweet, sweet tomorrow will bring him to tell me that he has decided to leave these plains and go with me to study art." So a month went by and despair was fast seizing upon her. She had gone for the last time to the scene of their love and sank on her knees beside the cottonwood tree, a great agony on her features.

On the other side of the tree lay Dick Bennett watching her, the muscles of his mouth twitching painfully for a moment. Then he drew himself up to his feet. The two lifted their heads at nearly the same moment and looked full into each other's eyes. What did they read there? Was the silence between them the sweet silence of love when she has all to give? The girl's silence was that of head, for she knew that whether both went or one staid, all her heart, all her thoughts, would remain with him on these plains where she had loved, and, God pity her, where she still loved in spite of all her struggles.

The man's was that of despair, his wayward past a grave between them. He could not poison the future of the woman he adored by dragging her into it. He had fought his fight. The strong touch of chivalry in his nature had triumphed. He would stay with his plains, his horse, his guns, his brush, such as he could not pollute, and she, God help her, she must go.

"Honors are easy, my girl, but not for such as me. There is a dividing line between the good and the bad. I'm on one side and you're on the other. I can't cross to you, and I swear to God by my love for you never to drag you over to me. I stay and you go."—Mrs. Hester Vance in Boston Post.

Ants and Their Uses.

During 12 months spent in the Australian colonies in the years 1870 1, I had more opportunities than were pleasant of studying the habits of ants. These insects, as is well known, are not only a nuisance, but an absolute pest in hot countries. They march in myriads and destroy everything in their road. In justice to the ants, I am bound, however, to admit that I have found them useful in more ways than one. For instance, I bought an opossum skin rug from a native. I soon became painfully aware of the fact that it literally swarmed with fleas and other vermin. In vain did I exhaust my stock of pepper. Even turpentine seemed to have no effect beyond increasing the reckless activity of these irritating settlers.

At last, in despair, I threw my rug down on an ant hill. In less than half an hour every flea and objectionable parasite was eaten, but the rug was full of ants. I therefore hung it on a mimosa bush, and as soon as the ants found they were suspended they hastened to leave the rug and descended by the bush as best they could.

Again, I had killed a snake in Tasmania and wished to clean and bleach the skeleton, which I intended to have mounted as a necklace. I left the body near an ants' nest. In a few hours there was not a vestige of flesh on the bones. The sun soon did the rest.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Spring Medicine

Is made a necessity by the impure condition of the blood after winter's hearty foods, and breathing vitiated air in home, office, schoolroom or shop. When weak, thin or impure, the blood cannot nourish the body as it should. The demand for cleansing and invigorating is grandly met by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives the blood just the quality and vitality needed to maintain health, properly digest food, build up and steady the nerves and overcome that tired feeling. It is the ideal Spring Medicine. Get only

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America's Greatest Medicine. C. I. HOOD & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache. 25c.

A LOCAL Disease

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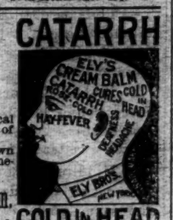
Nothing but a local remedy or change of climate will cure it.

Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy,

Ely's Cream Balm.



It is quickly Absorbed. **COLD IN HEAD**

Gives Relief at once. Opens and cleanses the Nasal Passages. Allays Inflammation. Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. No Cocaine, No Mercury, No injurious drug. Full Size 50c. Trial Size 10c. at Druggists or by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York.

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From the top of the cathedral spire in Mexico you can see the entire city, and the most striking feature of the view is the absence of chimneys. There is not a chimney in all Mexico, not a grate nor a stove nor a furnace. All the cooking is done with charcoal in Dutch ovens.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store, only 50 cents per bottle. †

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper

Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 30
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	$100	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔			
Sperm	18	@	26
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℔ ℔			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	1¾
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	1 6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER, (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	16 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto-Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	5 50
Common	1 80	@	2 25
Cypress	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	5 00	@	6 50
Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	3 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 37 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 36½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.25 per bbl for Strained and $1.30 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm, 27½, 27c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar firm, 95c; crude turpentine nominal, $1.30, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	41
Rosin	388
Tar	357
Crude Turpentine	4

Receipts same day last year.—32 casks spirits turpentine, 178 bbls rosin, 59 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 9-16	cts.	℔
Good Ordinary	4⅞	"	"
Low Middling	5 9-16	"	"
Middling	6	"	"
Good Middling	6¼	"	"

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—355 bales; same day last year, 71.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 35c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Money on call was firm at 2@2½ per cent., with the last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with business in bankers' bills at 484½ for demand and 481½ @481¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 483@485½. Commercial bills 480¾. Silver certificates 54½@54½. Bar silver 54¾. Mexicans dollar 45. Government bonds weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 124¼; do. coupon, 124¼; U. S. 4's 111; do. coupon, 112; U. S. 2's, 90; U. S. 5's, registered, 112¼; do. 5's, coupon, 112¼. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 125; do. 4's 102½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Rosin was steady; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine firm.

CHARLESTON, March 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 33½c; no sales. Rosin

AN OPEN LETTER
To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, *of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *the same that has borne and does now* Chas. H. Fletcher *on every bear the fac-simile signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. This is the original* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.* LOOK CAREFULLY *at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

"The Kind You Have Always Bought"
BEARS THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF

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Insist on Having
The Kind That Never Failed You.

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COURIERS BACK NUMBERS.

No Longer Any Need to Go Through Europe With Them.

Up to times within the memory of living men almost no one of means traveled through Europe without a courier. Before railroads were built and before good guidebooks were printed he was almost indispensable. His tribe survives, but in greatly diminished numbers. To the self reliant traveler he is of no use whatever. Indeed he is frequently a positive incumbrance, and worse. To my mind one of the great pleasures of travel is in learning to travel by myself. There are satisfaction, pleasure and education in planning routes, deciphering time tables, making bargains, learning by observation the lay of the land.

The time may have been when a courier could save a traveler more than his cost. Most certainly that is not the case now. On the contrary, as he gets a percentage on every purchase his party makes, which, of course, comes out of the purchaser in increased price, and as it is often for his interest to advise the more costly route, the more costly hotel or the more costly excursion, he eats up much more than his wages, while saving positively nothing. Bean declares that in a two weeks' trip in southern Spain, which he made side by side with a couple having a courier, he invariably reached the hotel first, got better rooms and saw all the sights to as good advantage, yet the courier was, of his kind, an expert. The fact is that travel has become so general, tourist companies, railroads and landlords have so well studied its needs, books are so plentiful, that you couldn't very well get off the track or have a mishap if you tried.—Herbert Luce in "Going Abroad."

MAXTON BUILDING
AND
LOAN ASSOCIATION,
Maxton, N. C.

STREET RAILWAY DEVICES.

Among Them a Scheme to Keep Conductors Honest.

It is many years since Mark Twain's lines immortalizing the enforced punching of variously colored slips by street railway conductors to prevent their "holding up the company" ran riot through the land, and the "buff trip slips," the "pink trip slips" and the "blue trip slips" have long been abandoned by most street railways in favor of the clock faced indicator. This is a fairly good device, but still it may be worked by a clever man not unwilling to divert a few nickels to his own pocket. In Toronto the company has a scheme which, so far as any one knows, has never yet been circumvented by a conductor. Indeed, it is difficult to see how it could be got around without the connivance of a passenger. By this plan the conductor does not touch money or tickets at all. When collecting, he carries around a specially made receptacle into which the passenger must put his own ticket or 5 cent piece. The conductor who violates the company's rules by taking the fare from the passenger and putting it into the fare holder is liable to discharge. At the end of each collection the receptacle is hung upon a special hook and must there remain until more passengers board the car.

The cars of the trolley line between Minneapolis and St. Paul are fitted with admirable appliances to prevent accidents to passengers careless in stepping on and off. At the rear end of each car are folding gates which are under the control of the motorman, who does not open them until the car has reached a full stop and closes them before it starts again. Controlled by the same lever as that which opens and closes the gates are folding steps, which let down when the gates open and close up when they shut.

The managers of this same line have carried the street car advertising notion to a greater length than the managers of most other trolley lines in the United States. In addition to the ordinary space for advertisements over the windows, the backs of the seats are provided with panels for the display of advertising matter. This does not, however, seem to attract the advertisers of the twin cities very much, for the panels are very rarely utilized except for amusement announcements.—Exchange.

Russia and Music.

The astonishing statement that Russia is the country that will presently lead in music is made by Yaske, the famous violinist. "The Muscovite empire," he says, "has some of the characteristics of those early ages which gave us the masters of arts. She has that tranquillity, that repose, that isolation under which masterpieces come to perfection."

Da Vinci's Wheelbarrow.

Leonardo da Vinci, the painter who painted the famous picture of the "Last Supper," is said to have invented the wheelbarrow.—Boston Budget.

FASHIONS CHANGE
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POZZONI'S
Complexion
POWDER

REMAINS ALWAYS THE SAME.

The finest, purest and most beautifying toilet powder ever made. It is soothing, healing, healthful and harmless: and when rightly used IS INVISIBLE. If you have never tried

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IT IS SOLD EVERYWHERE.

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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works, of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

It is not a remedy put up by any Tom Dick or Harry; it is compounded by expert pharmacists. Ely Bros. offer a 10 cent trial size. Ask your your druggist. Full size Cream Balm 50 cents. We mail it.

ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

Since 1861 I have been a great sufferer from catarrh. I tried Ely's Cream Balm and to all appearances am cured. Terrible headaches from which I had long suffered are gone.—W. J. Hitchcock, late Major U. S. Vol. and A. A. Gen., Buffalo, N. Y.

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MRS. WINSLOW' SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other. †

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidney, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retension of water and pain. In passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure, this is your remedy. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist, Wilmington, N. C., corner of Front and Market streets. †

SHE GOT THE CLOTH.

A Clever Woman's Manipulation of a Clever Little Trick.

There are callings and callings open to both women and men by which they can gain a livelihood, but when it comes to the "old confidence game" as a means of living the men must step back and take off their hats to the ladies. To be sure, there are not as many women up to this "racket" as there are men, but those who are knowing ones are geniuses at the business. They could make a killing where nine "con" men out of ten would have to either starve or work honestly for a living.

It was not long ago that this was most powerfully illustrated, and, to the sorrow of a clerk in the linen department of a Market street firm. A well known matron, who lives in the fashionable portion of the city, is the heroine of this tragedy. She was out for what she could get and incidentally wished to purchase a tablecloth. She entered the house of the firm and, going to the linen department, asked the clerk what a certain tablecloth which was in the stock was worth. He priced them for her at $3.

This did not suit at all, and after an argument of some minutes she finally persuaded him to sell the tablecloth at $2.50. When she had got the poor clerk to this stage, she had him just where she wanted him. She looked the tablecloth over once more and then remarked that she could get a tablecloth at another place for the same price.

The clerk feeling "sore" because he had allowed a woman to beat him down, replied:

"Well, if you can, I'll give you this cloth."

"You will?" she answered eagerly. "All right. Just wait here a minute."

She left the store and, going to the other place, asked the head clerk to show her a tablecloth of the kind she had seen at the other store. It was priced at $3, but this did not daunt her. She said:

"They tell me over at So-and-so's that if you let me have a tablecloth like this for $2.50 they will give me one."

Of course the clerk immediately let her have one for $2.50. Taking the ticket and cloth, she returned to the clerk.

"There," she said, showing it to him. "I got it for $2.50."

No proof was wanting to convince the clerk that she had got it at that price, so he gave her the cloth and charged himself with it.

Then this lady returned with the purchased cloth to the other place and got credit on it, after which she went on her way rejoicing, just one $3 tablecloth in.—Louisville Commercial.

Mortagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Leila G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M, offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 25th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR.,
feb 25 30t Assignee of the Mortgagee.

Some send to Cammeyer's, others send elsewhere for what they need in SHOES, while all can save themselves money by buying at home. We have Val. Duttenhofer & Son's Ladies' Shoes at the uniform price of $2.50, $2.00 and $3.00. This line is unexcelled. We carry Mundell's Children Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50; besides many cheaper grades in all kinds. We sell a splendid line of Gent's Shoes also. We invite you to inspect our stock and WEAR OUR SHOES.

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

63½ steps east from corner Front and Princess streets. jan 22 tf

AN UP-TO-DATE CHEF

knows the value of good, juicy beef and mutton, when preparing the many choice morsels, entrees and tid-bits that the experienced epicure knows how to appreciate, and he knows he can get the primest meats to be found in North Carolina from this market at all times at reasonable prices.

I. B. RHODES.
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You Purchase You Get a

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F. T. MILLS,
Wholesale and Retailer Dealer in
HORSES AND MULES.

Constantly on hand a full line of mated teams, Roadsters, Saddlers, general purpose and Farm Horses.

Full Line of Farm and City Mules.

One to two car loads received every week. All stock is guaranteed as represented.

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Hay and Peanut Vines.
Corn, Oats, Peas.

Don't buy Molasses until you see our FINEST.

HALL & PEARSALL,
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James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs. Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2 A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 220.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 4, Block 220.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 200 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 355 feet to a point in the nortnern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

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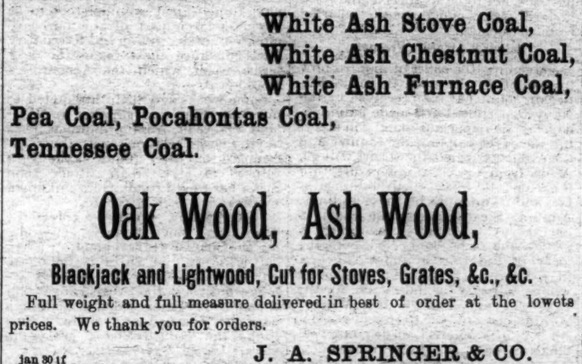

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DAILY 9.25 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.35 P. M., Petersburg 6.22 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 8.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 5.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M No. 49—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.36 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M. Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.35 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.08 P. M., †New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.03 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.32 A. M., Tarboro 12.19 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.48 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M. Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.35 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.37 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 5.33 A. M., Columbia 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 8.30 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.12 A. M., Florence 9.58 A. M., Marion 10.36 A. M., Chadbourn 11.38 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12 00. P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.53 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.05 A. M. Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.09 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.36 A. M., Dillon 10.53 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland, 6.13 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.10 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.43 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.03 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.57 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.08 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.37 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 2.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.26 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 42.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Hartsville 9.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.21 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.35 A. M., Bennettsville 6.59 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.50 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.45 A. M.; leave Darlington 8.55 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.25 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.15 A. M.; Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.30 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.29 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.30 P. M. Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.85 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.20 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.26 P. M., Creston 5.20 P. M., Sumter 6.35 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 8.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 8.30 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.35 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 25	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:40 A. M., Raleigh 5:30 P. M., Sanford 5:09 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M., Rockingham 7:30 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M. Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:30 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2:07 A. M., Sanford 8:35 A. M., Hamlet 8:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:22 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:30 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 86—Leaves Hamlet 8:30 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 409—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:15 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:30 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:58 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8.10 P. M. Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M. Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 2:15 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:35 A. M., Richmond 6:15 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:50 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M., arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 3:00 P. M., arrives Hamlet 6:30 P. M.

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In Effect January 23rd, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 5

SENATE PASSED THE ALASKA BILL.

Extending Homestead Laws to the Territory and Right of Way for Railroads.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Consular and Diplomatic and Pension Appropriation Bills Passed — War Claims Approved—Both Houses Adjourned Until Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—After a debate lasting several days the Senate late this afternoon passed the bill extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska.

Comparative little discussion of general interest was created by the bill. Section 13, providing for certain bonding concessions to Canada, in lieu of privileges to be extended by the Dominion Government to this country, however, induced a pretty lively debate, as it brought into the controversy the old fisheries question on the New England coast which has been pending between the United States and Great Britain for a hundred years. The statement was made on the floor of the Senate that there was every reason to believe that by the passage of the bill the fisheries question could be settled without great effort, as assurances to that effect had been received from a large and influential element in Canada.

The Senate at 5.05 went into executive session and at 5.20 P. M. adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives.

Two more appropriation bills were sent to the President to-day—the Pension bill and the Consular and Diplomatic—both of which went through their final stage in the House to-day. This was private bill day. The most important action taken was acquiescence in an agreement to make the bill appropriating about $1,200,000 for war claims approved by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the Bowman act, a special order for next Friday. The claims carried by the bill, 730 in number, are for stores and supplies seized during the war in the Southern States.

Only two other bills were passed to-day, one to pay the heirs of Sterling T. Austin about $69,000 for cotton seized during the war, and the other to pay an aggregate of $3,360 in small claims growing out of back pay, etc., earned during the war. The House adjourned over until Monday.

During the debate on a minor relief bill Mr. Handy, Democrat, Delaware, who was attempting to contrast the promises made by President McKinley in his inaugural a year ago to-day with their fulfillment, was called to order for not speaking to the question before the committee. Mr. Payne sustained the point of order, and an appeal was taken. The Democrats protested that the practice had always been to allow the widest latitude in Committee of the Whole, and Mr. McMillin declared that this and kindred rulings marked the gradual decadence in the right of speech in the House.

On the appeal the vote was 91 to 91. Mr. Payne, who was in the chair, announced the result. "The vote is a tie," said he, "and the Chair votes in the affirmative, so that the decision of the Chair stands as the decision of the House."

At 5 o'clock, under the rules, the House took recess until 8 o'clock, the evening session to be devoted to private pension bills.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, March 4th, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 25.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending March 4:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	148,760	89,001
Total receipts to this date.....	7,430,220	5,961,336
Exports for week..	225,308	118,018
Total exports to date.....	5,465,388	4,659,385
Stock in all U. S. ports	1,136,860	863,374
Stock at all interior towns.....	479,004	335,082
Stock in Liverpool,	1,203,000	1,396,000
American afloat for Great Britain...	200,000	125,000

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Dismal weather conditions added to the generally unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the New York dry goods market. Prices show fully as much firmness, in most lines, as they possessed earlier in the week. The quotations on all grades of staple cottons are unchanged.

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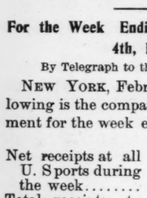

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The Maine Court of Inquiry Expected to Complete Its Work Within Ten Days.

NO DEFINITE EVIDENCE.

The Court Will Be Aided in Its Decision by the Report of Divers As to the Actual Condition of the Ship After the Explosion.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 4.—After two postponements of its departure the Court of Inquiry left for Havana this evening on the light house tender Mangrove. It is believed by the best informed here that the court will complete its labors in the Cuban capital within ten days.

Only three of the six days the court was here were devoted to the work of investigation. The inactivity of yesterday and to-day is still unexplained, except by a semi-official statement that Rear Admiral Sicard was awaiting instructions from Washington.

The sessions, it is generally understood, developed no evidence by which the court could definitely determine the cause of the explosion.

A naval officer in close touch with the members of the court, said to this correspondent: "With one exception the witnesses who testified here were Maine survivors. The evidence, though in most cases taking longer to tell, can be summed up in the words of an enlisted man who, when Judge-Advocate Marix asked him what he knew about the explosion, replied 'Sir, I was blowed up. I was saved and I'm here.' That was all he could swear to."

One important fact has been learned, however. It is this, although the members of the court may have their individual theories, they are by no means prepared as a body to render a decisive verdict. The officer already quoted said: "If the court has yet heard any testimony which would enable it to decide intelligently that the Maine was blown up from external causes, I am the most mistaken man in the world. Before the coming Havana sessions are over it may secure such evidence and possibly find the blowing up was intentional. It will learn from the divers the actual condition of the ship after the explosion, as it has already learned from the survivors most of the details of the ship's condition before the explosion. With these bases thoroughly established the court will hear more expert theoretical testimony and then reach a verdict."

This statement can be taken as more worthy of reliance than that of the Maine officer who said the other day he believed the court was bound on evidence already heard to find the cause of the explosion external. Its conservatism is also at variance with the opinions of many other naval officers here, especially those of the younger set, directly contrary to the belief of most of the Maine survivors that their ship was intentionally blown up.

Before sailing to-night Captain Sampson had a long consultation with Admiral Sicard.

All the Maine survivors received a month's pay yesterday and their claims for lost personal property have been filed. Schwantz, a cook of the Maine, has put in a claim for $1,226, which he says he had in his chest which was blown to pieces. Many other enlisted men lost the savings of years.

There have been no movements of the fleet to-day except in the case of the Nashville, which towed a coal barge out to the Iowa.

Message from Admiral Sicard.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—It was developed this afternoon through the telegraphic correspondence between Secretary Long and Admiral Sicard that the Court of Inquiry is unable to fix even an approximate date for the conclusion of its investigation into the disaster to the Maine.

Sharing the anxiety for some information on this point, Secretary Long to-day, at the instance of the cabinet, sent a telegram to Admiral Sicard asking him when it was expected that the report of the court would be made, and late to-night the following reply was recived:

"KEY WEST, March 4.—Secretary of Navy:—Have talked with the president of the Court of Inquiry and agree with him that it is not yet possible to fix a date for the finding, as so much depends upon the progress of the divers and wreckers and the results they obtain. Every effort is being made to advance the inquiry. The court returns to Havana by the Mangrove this evening, having about finished the examination at Key West.

(Signed) "SICARD."

Admiral Sicard's message is regarded officially as disposing of the reports that the court has as yet obtained positive or conclusive information bearing upon the object of the investigation. It is taken to mean that upon the testimony or discoveries of the divers will depend the finding, the examination of the officers and crew of the ship having been insufficient to enable the court to even form an idea as to what lines may be opened up from the investigation of the wreck itself.

Doubt as to the Finding.

While the telegram was naturally somewhat of a disappointment in leaving the termination of the inquiry as much in doubt as ever, it was welcomed as practically setting at rest the reports as to the results of the investigation up to date. It is stated that the board in all probability will not return to Key West, the department having intimated that it was its desire that the examination of the officers and men should be concluded at this sitting, as they are needed for reassignment to ships.

Cruiser Coming Home.

It is probable that the Olympia, flagship of the Asiatic squadron, and the peerless queen of the cruisers, will come home to San Francisco. The navigation bureau has this movement under consideration, and in view of the fact that the ship has been three years away from a navy yard, engaged in hard cruising service, even if there were no other reasons, it is probable that the order would be given.

The torpedo boat Winslow, at Norfolk, has completed her repairs and will join the flotilla at Key West as soon as the gale on the coast blows itself out and makes the run down safe.

Naval officials are deeply interested in the reports of the

Purchase of Warships by Spain,

and make the reports of these transactions the text for complaints of the inability of our Navy Department to do likewise. However, as to the report from London to-day of the purchase of the Amazonins by Spain, it is said at the department that this vessel sailed for Brazil several months ago and has been delivered to the Brazilian Government. Her sister ship is near completion in the Armstrong yards. They are useful cruisers, copies of the Baroosa, now of the Brazilian navy, and their strong point is their great radius of action—8,000 miles—which would enable them to cross the Atlantic and recross without renewing their coal supply. The other two ships building for Brazil in France, which are also reported to be about to pass into Spanish possession, are presumed to be the Deadoro and the Floriona, which are building at La Seinne, Toulon. These are small but powerful battleships. Their tonnage is only 3,162, but they carry four 10-inch rifles in turrets, in addition to two 6-inch and four 7-inch guns and a good secondary battery. Their coal endurance, however, is small and their forte would seem to be coast defence operations or cruising near a base of supplies.

The London reports also caused comment at the State Department. In some quarters the feeling was expressed that pending the finding of a court of inquiry on a case having the international phases of the Maine explosion the obligations of neutrality were as strongly imposed on Great Britain and Brazil as in time of war.

But, as a general rule, foreign governments are free to sell war ships, either directly or through their citizens, up to the actual date of hostilities.

Matters were very quiet, at least externally, in the War Department to-day. So it was unknown officially that the troops at Salt Lake are being reviewed, and it was said that if this were so it could be nothing more than the usual periodical inspections required by the regulations. As for the reported orders to inspection officers at Bethlehem to be ready for a quick start, it was said that Captain McNutt and Lieutenant Benet, who have been on inspection duty for several years past, are not to be disturbed and have had no orders such as are reported from Bethlehem.

Admiral Sicard's Precept

convening the court of inquiry now investigating the disaster to the battleship Maine has been received by the Navy Department and made public to-day. It is important mainly in showing the exact scope of the inquiry and the extent to which the report will go. Aside from the usual orders directing the court to report both findings of fact and its opinions on these findings, Admiral Sicard directs the court to record any information as to person or persons, "not connected with the navy of the United States who are, in its opinion, responsible, in part or wholly, directly or indirectly, for the explosion and loss of the Maine," with names, and the degree of responsibility in each case. The court is to make its report to Admiral Sicard.

The Tortugas.

The War Department, it is understood, will endeavor to induce the Treasury officials to return the Tortugas to its jurisdiction, but at the Treasury Department it is said that no request has yet been made upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the retransfer. Should the request be made it is stated that it would be complied with at once. Some years ago this island, then under control of the War Department, was turned over to the Treasury Department for use as a quarantine station with the stipulation that it would be retransferred at any time upon request. Since then the government has established on Tortugas one of the most complete quarantine stations in the country. This fact, however, would not even be considered, should the War Department need it for its own purposes Possession, it is said, would be given within forty-eight hours.

THE STEAMER DAUNTLESS.

Its Last Expedition Declared to Be a Successful One.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Emelio Nunez, who has just returned to his home in this city from his recent trip to Cuba on the filibustering steamer Dauntless, was to-day shown the Washington dispatch which stated that Senor Du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, had informed the State Department that the Dauntless expedition was not successful, and had failed to effect a landing.

Mr. Nunez said: "My last expedition put into Cuba 700,000 bullets located at the end of 700,000 Mauser cartridges. And every one of these bullets is now being used to let daylight into the Spaniards who think as Senor DeBosc thinks. If Senor DuBosc knows as much about my recent expedition as the Spanish authorities in Havana know about the destruction of the Maine, and if Senor DuBosc says that expedition was a failure, as the Havana authorities say the Maine blew up on her own account, the Senor is of the same stripe as the authorities in Havana—he is a liar!"

Mr. Nunez expressed the opinion that the battleship Maine was destroyed "by Spanish officials, with their knowledge and by their hands."

THE CUBAN PROBLEM.

Spanish Comment on Rumors of McKinley's Project to Purchase the Island.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MADRID, March 4.—The government has consulted the Chambers of Commerce throughout the country respecting the proposed commercial treaty with the United States.

The Bilboa Chamber replies that, considering the present condition of mercantile relations, it can see no necessity for a treaty. If the negotiations, however, are successful, it is of opinion that two treaties will be requisite—one between America and the Peninsula and another between America and the Antilles.

Commenting on the rumors of President McKinley to purchase Cuba, *El Nacca*, in an article under the caption, "The best solution of the Cuban problem," says: "Behold a solution of the problem which would win popular sympathy, procuring the best termination of the present heart-burnings of the nation."

The article has provoked much comment.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Stranded Near Cape Henry—Crew Rescued by the Life-Savers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., March 4.—The British steamer Gleadowe, of London, bound from Delaware Breakwater, light, to Norfolk for a cargo, stranded two miles south of Cape Henry life-saving station at noon to-day, during a gale which was blowing fifty miles an hour from the northeast. The ship had a crew of twenty-three men and all of them were taken off with the breeches-buoy by Captain Holmes and crew of Cape Henry life-saving station.

The vessel is pretty well up on the beach, but is still in good condition. The captain is making arrangements to get her off, and as the storm is rapidly abating there is a strong probability that she can be floated without serious damage.

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FRESH SQUADRON FOR CUBA.

Great Activity in Naval Preparations—Belief That French Financiers Are Helping the Spanish Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 4.—Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil—the Amazonius and a sistership, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, twenty-three knots and ten guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Brazil. The Amazonius is ready for launching and her sister ship will soon be ready.

The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the Continent for immediate use.

The Government of Spain seems to have funds, for it is understood to be paying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal.

Some weeks ago Spain attempted to purchase ships and supplies in England, on credit, from prominent firms having close relations with the Government, but after inquiries the firms refused to give credit. Since then Spain has raised funds from unknown sources.

Diplomats in London express the belief that French financiers are helping the Spanish Government.

It is known that Spain is trying to purchase three other ships which are being built by the Armstrongs; but she has not yet succeeded in making a bargain, consequently there is still time if the United States wishes to forestall her.

The United States could also forestall Spain in the purchase of other ships building in English and continental dock yards.

While Chili denies that any of the ships ordered for that country are for sale, it is believed by naval constructors that Chili's best cruiser, the O'Higgins, which is just finished, could be purchased.

LONDON, March 4.—A letter just received here from Madrid says it is definitely reported there that a fresh Spanish squadron destined for Cuba is being organized at Cadiz. It consists of four iron clads, the Carlos V., Pelayo, Alfonso XIII, and another, several gunboats and a trans-Atlantic steamer.

Active work is also proceeding upon the torpedo boat destroyers Prosperina, Audaz and Osada, and upon the torpedo boats Habana, Retamosa and Barcelo, which form the second boat flotilla that Spain is sending to Cuba.

WORK ON THE MAINE.

Wreckers Think a Month Will Elapse Before the Turrets are Opened—Divers Find No More Bodies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 4.—The American divers, having examined more or less thoroughly the ward room of the Maine and the senior and junior officers' mess rooms, are to-day trying to effect an entrance into the petty officers' rooms compartment, in the hope of finding some bodies there. However, each day the belief grows stronger that few, if any more bodies will be recovered. Not one was recovered to-day.

Captain Sharp, who is in charge of the Merritt and Chapman wrecking outfit, appreciates the difficulties of the situation better than others. He will not specify any time when the big guns will be released. It is necessary to first remove the tops of the turrets. These are held in place by steel bolts, which must be cut loose. The best informed people here think a month will elapse before the turrets are opened. In the meantime, work on the minor details of the wreck will proceed with all possible speed.

The discipline on board the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya is very high, which naturally gratifies the Spaniards.

Senator Proctor, General Fitzhugh Lee, Captain Sigsbee and many other prominent Americans attended the ceremony of decorating the graves of the Maine's dead to-day.

A Hurricane

which has swept over the port of Batabano, on the south east of Cuba, opposite Havana, has done great damage. It destroyed a hut in which were quartered a number of soldiers belonging to the Castilian battalion, killing two of the men and wounding twenty-five others. Thousands of trees were swept away and the ships in the harbor were obliged to put hurriedly to sea in order to avoid being wrecked.

The cable dispatches deny the reports that the flotilla of Spanish torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers are to come to Cuba.

Wife-murderer Luetgert has been told the task selected for him during his life imprisonment. It is the intention of the Joliet penitentiary officials to manufactnre sausage for use in the big prison, and Luetgert will be given charge of the work. The information pleases Luetgert.

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IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Southern Trade Generally Better Than Usual at This Season—Reports as to the Outlook Satisfactory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Bradstreets to-morrow will say: Nearly all signs point to an unprecedented volume of business being done or arranging for at the present time. The aggressive strength of prices, record-breaking bank clearings, and continued large exports, particularly for the lower priced cereals, a very heavy volume of business in iron and steel and kindred lines, and generally satisfactory reports as to the volume of Spring trade at leading distributive centers, are among the visible features of trade development. Nearly all of the country's cereal products are higher in prices this week, as also some varieties of provisions, Bessemer pig iron, copper, raw cotton and tin. The further advance in pig iron this week would seem to indicate that the immense current production is as yet without visible effect on values. Few decreases in prices are noted, sugar being the most important, while the list of staples, steady and unchanged, numbers pork, coffee, lead and print cloths. The strength of raw cotton has had an encouraging effect upon Southern trade, which is generally reported good and better than usual at this season. The export of corn from Southern ports is an additionally favorable feature, while the practical agreement of Southern iron producers as to prices, with generally satisfactory collections at most points, has imparted a decidedly cheerful tone to advices from that section. Trade is larger than usual at the central West, particularly in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, lumber and agricultural implements, the demand for the latter being a notable feature at all markets. Spring trade has opened up well in the Northwest and the jobbing trade is quite active.

Cotton goods display strength, although print cloths of regular widths are somewhat easier. Ginghams are in better demand than for several years past. Spring business in woollen goods has been rather disappointing, but a good demand for men's wear goods for Fall delivery is reported and the mills are well supplied with orders. Woollen manufacturers are not in the market for raw wool to any extent, but prices are still firm.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 232 as against 183 for five business days last week, 342 in the corresponding week of last year, 270 in 1896 and 252 in 1896.

PENNSYLVANIA GOLD-BUGS.

Will Put a State Ticket in the Field—Letter from Ex-President Cleveland.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 4.—Representatives of the State organization of the Jeffersonian of Gold Democratic party, met here to-day and resolved to put in the field a ticket of their own for State officers, from the Governorship down and for members of Congress in every district.

A letter from ex-President Cleveland was read, in which he says:

"I cannot account for the arrogant confidence of the free silver forces, except upon the theory that they are led to believe that there is very little aggressive effort to be made by their opponents. If any one believing with us supposes that free silver can be prevented from controlling the two houses of the next Congress without effective organization and hard work, the quicker he abandons that idea the more useful he will be as a sound money man.

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KID McKOY AND NICK BURLEY.

Pugilistic Affair at Hot Springs—Burley Knocked Out in Second Round.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., March 4—"Kid" McKoy, champion middle-weight pugilist of the world, met and defeated Nick Burley, of California, to-day. The Californian was knocked out in the second round. The fight was the most exciting and interesting ever witnessed in this city. The fact that it was pulled off in disregard of the Governor's instructions increased the general interest in the contest. The large attendance, 2,000 persons being present, surprised everybody in view of the fact that it was declared off yesterday.

Kid McCoy left the city on the late train this evening for parts unknown to avoid unpleasant complications and possible trouble with the State authorities. Burley is preparing to leave on the first train.

A FAMILY POISONED.

A Negro Ex-Convict Placed "Rough on Rats" in Their Coffee.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MERIDIAN, MISS., March 4.—Supervisor J. B. Royals, his wife and the latter's sister, Miss Annie McKenzie, were poisoned this morning with "Rough on Rats" placed in their coffee by Bill Hill, a 12-year old negro, an ex-convict bought out of the stockade by Royals to serve as a chore boy. Mrs. Royals and Miss McKenzie are at the point of death. Hill's motive was revenge, having been thrashed yesterday by Royals for insolence. Hill was lodged in jail, but will not long remain there in the event of the death of either of the women.

Bone and Sinew.

"We cannot succeed," said the prime minister, "without the sinews of war."

"By sinews," said the private secretary, who occasionally moved in the lower circles, "I presume you mean bones."

And it was with great sorrow that he found himself compelled to explain to his chief that dollars were often so designated by the vulgar.—Typographical Journal.

Rough on Abdul Aziz.

When Abdul Aziz, sultan of Turkey, was deposed, Queen Victoria telegraphed to his captors in French, "Soignez le bien," or "Take good care of him." The wires said, "Saignez le bien," which means something very different—namely, "Bleed him well," an error of the wires which reads grewsomely in the light of the fate which befell that unhappy monarch.

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